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SUBJ: EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR EXECUTING CONDITIONAL ENRICHMENT
CONTRACTS

1. TRANSMITTAL LETTERS TO PROSPECTIVE CUSTOMERS COVERING AEC
ENRICHMENT SERVICES CONTRACTS CONDITIONAL ON U.S. GENERIC APPROVAL
OF PLUTONIUM RECYCLE BY JULY 1, 1975 INDICATE THAT SUCH CONTRACTS
SHOULD BE EXECUTED BY OCTOBER 31, 1974. SINCE TRANSMITTING THIS
CONTRACT, HOWEVER, AEC HAS BECOME AWARE THAT MANY U.S.
DOMESTIC UTILITIES ARE DEFERRING SCHEDULES FOR--AND IN SOME
CASES CANCELLING--POWER REACTOR PROJECTS COVERED BY EXISTING
LONG-TERM ENRICHMENT CONTRACTS WITH AEC, AND THAT NUMBER OF
THESE UTILITIES HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF TRANSFERRING
TO ORGANIZATIONS ABROAD SOME OR ALL OF THEIR SURPLUS CONTRACTUAL
COMMITMENTS TO AEC IN WHICH CASE DEMAND SCHEDULES UNDER SOME
PROSPECTIVE CONDITIONAL CONTRACTS COULD BE AFFECTED. AEC
STAFF CURRENTLY IS REVIEWING RAMIFICATIONS OF THESE SITUATIONS
AND IS PREPARING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMMISSION CONSIDERATION;
HOWEVER, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT FINAL DECISIONS AND IMPLEMENTING
DETAILS WILL BE AVAILABLE BEFORE END OF OCTOBER. IN ORDER TO
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PERMIT THIS SITUATION TO EVOLVE IN ORDERLY FASHION, AEC IS

INFORMING CUSTOMERS THAT THEY MAY ANTICIPATE SIX TO EIGHT WEEK
EXTENSION OF OCTOBER 31 DEADLINE. ONCE SITUATION IS CLARIFIED,
A NEW SPECIFIC DATE WILL BE SET AND CUSTOMERS WITH UNSIGNED
CONDITIONAL CONTRACTS ADVISED.

2. AEC REP IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE PROSPECTIVE CUSTOMERS UNDER
HIS PURVIEW WHO HAVE NOT YET EXECUTED SUCH CONTRACTS OF THE
ABOVE ANTICIPATED EXTENSION. OUR RECORDS INDICATE THAT THESE
ARE KOREA AND THE FOLLOWING JAPANESE UTILITIES: JAPCO, EPDC,
HOKKAIDO, AND SHIKOKU. KISSINGER

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